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Industrial espionage helped build Soviet might, Casey says

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SMITHFIELD — CIA Director William J. Casey said yesterday that the weapons confronting the United States today exist, in large part, because the Soviet military is fueled by American business and American know-how.

In a commencement speech at Bryant College, Casey said the Soviet Union employs thousands of spies and hundreds of dummy corporations "to steal our technology" and he called on U.S. industry to tighten security.

The Soviets, he declared, "had our plans for a cargo plane (the C-5A Galaxy) before it flew. The precise gyro and bearings in their latest generation of missiles were designed here. Their space shuttle is a virtual copy of our first design. And the list goes on . . ."

"Industrial security measures need to be strengthened to protect our nation's most valuable asset — our own innovations and our own manpower — from being used against us."

Casey told the Bryant graduates that the businesses in which they will work will be the nation's "first line of defense . . ." and that "the West must organize to protect itself . . . This will take the combined efforts of both business and government."

ALTHOUGH A HANDFUL of people marched at the entrance to the college's Smithfield campus to protest the CIA role in Central America, there were no demonstrations during Casey's speech.

One man in academic robes stood momentarily and held a pamphlet as the CIA director was introduced. The man quickly took his seat, however, and remained silent during Casey's address.

Casey did not make any direct reference to the CIA's role in Central America but warned of what he said was Soviet expansionism "on our very doorstep" and said the "flight" of Miskito Indians from Nicaragua "is testimony to the emptiness of dictatorship and the

proxies and surrogates in peace and in war. The role of these Soviet surrogates is as much political as military. Libyans and East Germans in Africa, Cubans in Latin America, Vietnamese in Asia have all helped to accomplish this expansion of power and influence."

Casey said that while the United States "cannot back away from the Soviet challenge in the Third World," neither the U.S. nor the

Soviet Union "can offer unlimited economic assistance to underdeveloped countries."

The "key to success" in such countries, declared Casey, is business investment and the U.S., its allies in NATO and Japan "have a superior ability to promote and develop investments . . ."

CASEY WARNED the Bryant graduates they must be aware that "the world today is far from be-

nign" and that "perhaps the most insidious manifestation of this is international terrorism."

"As practiced today, terrorism virtually obliterates the distinction between peace and war. We count over 50 major terrorist organizations and a great many more 'mom and pop shops' which can be hired by Iran, Syria, Libya, and other governments as instruments of foreign policy."

